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City offers paper shredding event during Identity Theft Prevention Day – Mar 31

**Attorney General Goddard and U.S. Representative Mitchell
scheduled to speak**

On Saturday, Mar. 31, the Scottsdale Police Department will team up with the state Attorney General's Office for an identity theft prevention open house. Local police officers will be on hand to assist Scottsdale residents with the shredding of up to four boxes of personal documents at no charge from 8 a.m. to noon or until the trucks are full at the Granite Reef Senior Center, 1700 N. Granite Reef Road.

In addition to the shredding event, Arizona State Attorney General Terry Goddard and United States Representative Harry Mitchell will facilitate identity theft discussions and provide information inside the Granite Reef Senior Center.

Other resources available include the Scottsdale Police Department's Fraud Unit, the Scottsdale Fire Department, city staff from Code Enforcement Unit and the Granite Reef Senior Center, the Northeast Valley Coalition Against Methamphetamine and representatives from the DOVE Shelter.

According to the Federal Trade Commission, identity theft impacts at least 10 million people each year. Shredding documents, instead of simply throwing them in the garbage, is an essential tool in combating identity theft.

Due to a high level of interest at previous city shredding events, Scottsdale residents are encouraged to arrive early. Event participation is on a first come, first served basis.